

Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan – Post Adoption Statement in accordance with the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and European Directive 2001/42/EC

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1 Introduction

1.1 The Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Wallingford Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was ‘made’ (adopted) by South Oxfordshire District Council (the District Council) on 20 May 2021 and now forms part of the South Oxfordshire Development Plan for the determination of planning applications in the Parish.

In preparing the NDP, account was taken of the requirements of European Union Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment, referred to as the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive and its transposing regulations, the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations).

The SEA Directive and transposing regulations seek to provide a high level of protection of the environment by integrating environmental considerations into the process of preparing certain plans and programmes. The aim of the Directive is *“to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of plans and programmes with a view to promoting sustainable development, by ensuring that, in accordance with this Directive, an environmental assessment is carried out of certain plans and programmes which are likely to have significant effects on the environment.”*

In developing the NDP, proportionate, robust evidence should support the choices made and the approach taken. In terms of SEA and Sustainability Appraisal (SA), the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) (paragraph 26, SEA and SA) states:

“There is no legal requirement for a neighbourhood plan to have a sustainability appraisal as set out in section 19 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. However, a qualifying body must demonstrate how its plan or order will contribute to achieving sustainable development. A sustainability appraisal may be a useful approach for doing this.”

Paragraph 27, SEA and SA of the PPG continues:

“In some limited circumstances, where a neighbourhood plan is likely to have significant environmental effects, it may require a strategic environmental assessment. Draft

¹ updated on 28 October 2022 to correct an editing error by removing template text. This included removal of Table 3.1 and references to it. In addition, minor grammatical corrections in the form of the deletion of an additional ‘and’ at the end of the first bullet point list in section 1.1 and ‘14’ under air quality in section 5.2.

neighbourhood plan proposals should be assessed to determine whether the plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.”

Consistent with this guidance, the District Council completed a SEA Screening Opinion on 24 October 2017 and concluded that the NDP was likely to have significant effects on the environment and that SEA was required. Consequently, the SEA was undertaken by AECOM under instruction from Wallingford Town Council comprising of:

- A Scoping Report dated February 2019;
- Draft version of the SEA Report for Neighbourhood Group comment in August 2019;
- An SEA Report for the Regulation 14 consultation Neighbourhood Plan in August 2019;
- An SEA Report for the submission version for the Plan in February 2020.

This Post Adoption Statement represents the conclusion of the SEA process and fulfils the plan and programme adoption requirements of the SEA Directive and SEA Regulations. This statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulation 16 (3) and (4) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, which require a statement to be produced on adoption of a plan or programme, to detail, in summary:

- how environmental considerations have been integrated into the NDP (Section 2 of this document);
- how the Environmental Report has been taken into account (Section 3);
- how opinions expressed in response to the consultation on the Draft NDP and Draft Environmental Report have been taken into account (Section 4);
- the reasons for choosing the NDP, as made, in the light of the other reasonable alternatives dealt with (Section 5); and
- the measures that are to be taken to monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of the NDP (Section 6).

2 HOW ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE NDP

2.1 Environmental Considerations in the NDP

Preparation of the NDP

Environmental and wider sustainability considerations have been integral to the key decisions made in respect of the policies and proposals of the NDP. The integration of these considerations into the plan making process has principally been achieved through:

- the development of a proportionate evidence base on topics including (inter alia) housing, population and health, transport, landscape, air quality, biodiversity, flood risk, climatic factors;
- engagement with key stakeholders and the public on the emerging NDP and related environmental and sustainability matters;
- the consideration of national planning policy and the objectives of other plans and programmes, including those produced by the District Council; and
- ongoing assessment including SEA (see **Section 2.2**) and screening under the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) in November 2019 where the NDP was screened out from having to do an appropriate assessment.

NDP Content

The NDP plans positively to support local development (as outlined in paragraph 13 of the National Planning Policy Framework). This aim is expressed in the NDP Vision, which is to:

- Protect and enhance the well established character of Wallingford.
- Ensure that growth in Wallingford to 2035 will be managed carefully, resulting in sustainable and well designed development that maintains the town's special character.
- Ensure that the town centre will continue to serve as the focal point for activities which strengthen the local economy and enhance a community sense of place.
- Create opportunities to make Wallingford a hub for people enjoying the heritage of the town, the River Thames and the surrounding countryside, and to encourage development of sustainable tourism based on the heritage and natural assets of the town.
- Ensure that housing for an increasing local population will consist of a mix of types, including starter homes, social and private, family-sized and retirement accommodation. It will be supported by appropriate parking, transport (including public) and links for walking and cycling.

The Vision is supported by 4 Objectives in the NDP which are as follows:

- ▶ The growth of Wallingford to 2035 will be managed carefully and sustainably, conserving and enhancing the town's unique heritage assets, historic and landscape setting, and the natural environment;
- ▶ New homes will be located on allocated sites set out in this Plan to meet local housing needs in terms of affordability and social housing, family and retirement homes.
- ▶ New homes will meet sustainability and design requirements to ensure climate change resilience and future use of sustainable resources are built-in.
- ▶ New development will be provided with necessary infrastructure to provide for the well-being and needs of residents and those who depend on the facilities and services in the town.

The NDP contains a number of policies to help realise the Vision and Objectives and help to deliver sustainable development.

For example, the policies contained in the NDP specifically promote sustainable development (Policy WS1), an appropriate scale and location of new development (Policies WS2 and WS3), the delivery of supporting infrastructure (Chapter 8) and the avoidance of adverse effects on biodiversity (Policy EV1 and EV2) and built heritage (Policy HA1). The NDP will help to deliver housing and employment and associated services and facilities to meet local needs in appropriate locations. The Neighbourhood Plan has a significant focus on the provision of Green Infrastructure and on the enhancement of biodiversity, which is shown in Chapter 5 on the natural environment.

2.2 Environmental and Sustainability Considerations in the SEA

To provide the context for the SEA, and in compliance with the SEA Directive, a proportionate review of other relevant plans and programmes was undertaken and the relevant aspects of the current state of the environment and its evolution without the NDP were considered; together, they informed the identification of a series of key sustainability issues. This information was set out in the 2018 Scoping Report and informed the Environmental Report.

The key sustainability issues identified through the review of plans and programmes and analysis of baseline information informed, and were reflected in, the objectives and criteria that comprised the framework used to appraise the NDP (the SEA Framework) (see **Table 2.1**). Broadly, the SEA objectives presented the preferred sustainability outcome which usually involved minimising detrimental effects and enhancing positive effects.

Table 2.1: The SEA Framework

SEA topic	SEA objective
Air quality	Improve air quality and minimise and/or mitigate against all sources of pollution.
Biodiversity	Protect and enhance all biodiversity and geological features.
Climate change	Reduce the level of contribution to climate change made by people and activities
	Support resilience to the potential effects of climate change, including flooding
Landscape and historic environment	Protect, maintain and enhance the cultural heritage resource, including the historic environment and archaeological assets.
	Protect and enhance the character and quality of landscapes and townscapes.
Land, soil and water resources	Ensure the efficient and effective use of land.
	Encourage the reduction, re-use and recycling of waste.
	Use and manage water resources in a sustainable manner.
Population / community	Cater for existing and future needs of different groups in the community, and improve access to local, high-quality community services and facilities.
	Reduce deprivation and promote a more inclusive and self-contained community.
	Provide everyone with the opportunity to live in good quality, affordable housing, and ensure an appropriate mix of dwelling sizes, types and tenures.
Health	Improve the health and wellbeing of residents.
Transport	Promote sustainable transport use and reduce the need to travel.

The SEA process considered the contribution of the NDP towards each of the appraisal objectives, drawing on the baseline information to predict the likely significant effects in line with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (now Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government) Practical Guide to the SEA Directive². Specifically, the following key components of the NDP were appraised against the SEA objectives:

- Vision and Plan Objectives;
- Policies in the NDP and reasonable alternatives to those;
- Site allocations (including reasonable alternatives).

The appraisal identified the likely changes to the baseline conditions as a result of the NDP's implementation. These effects were described (where possible) in terms of their extent, the timescale over which they could occur, whether the effects would be temporary or permanent, positive or negative, short, medium and/or long-term. The potential for secondary, synergistic and cumulative effects were also considered and reported where relevant.

² ODPM (2005) *A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive*. Published September 2005.

3 HOW THE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

3.1 Overview

The development of the NDP has been iterative. SEA has played an integral role in this iterative process with each of the NDP stages having been accompanied by an Environmental Report in order to help inform the Plan and fully integrate environmental and sustainability considerations into decision making.

3.2 How the Findings of the SEA Have Been Taken into Account

The SEA has helped to shape the direction of the NDP. In particular, the findings of the SEA of the emerging NDP and reasonable alternatives have informed decisions in respect of:

- the policies that the NDP should contain and their content;
- the amount of growth to be accommodated in the plan area;
- the sites to be allocated in the NDP and options for delivering the overall amount of growth required.

4 HOW OPINIONS EXPRESSED DURING CONSULTATION HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

4.1 Overview

As set out in Section 1, the development of the NDP has been informed by extensive, ongoing engagement and public consultation, in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (SI No. 637).

A Consultation Statement was prepared for the NDP in accordance with Paragraph 15 (2)¹ of the Regulations which defines a “consultation statement” as a document which:

- (a) contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood development plan;*
- (b) explains how they were consulted;*
- (c) summarises the main issues and concerns raised by the persons consulted; and*
- (d) describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the proposed neighbourhood development plan.*

The Consultation Statement sets out the consultation undertaken during the preparation of the NDP, a summary of main issues raised and details of how the comments received have been taken into account.

4.2 SA Consultation Summary

Following consultation on the scope of the SEA in late 2018, Environmental Reports have been prepared and published for consultation at each key NDP stage.

A five-week consultation was undertaken on the Scoping Report which concluded on 3 December 2018.

The draft Environmental Report accompanying the Regulation 14 (Pre-submission version of the NDP) was consulted on for 7 weeks which concluded on 20 October 2019. The Consultation Report produced by Neighbourhood Plan Group summarises the comments received³.

The Environmental Report accompanying the Submission Version of the Plan was consulted on for 8 weeks which concluded on 11 August 2020. The Consultation Report for the Submission Consultation (Regulation 16) provides the comments received⁴.

³ Available here <https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/10/WNP-Wallingford-Consultation-Statement-Updated.pdf>

⁴ Available here http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/07/2015-04-23-WallingfordConsultationReprt_v2.pdf

5. THE REASONS FOR CHOOSING THE NDP, AS ADOPTED, IN THE LIGHT OF THE OTHER REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES DEALT WITH

5.1 Overview

Article 5 (1) of the SEA Directive and SEA Regulation 12(2) require that “*an environmental report shall be prepared in which the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing the plan or programme, and reasonable alternatives taking into account the objectives and the geographical scope of the plan or programme, are identified, described and evaluated*”. Information to be provided includes “*an outline of the reasons for selecting the alternatives dealt with*” (SEA Directive Annex I (h) and SEA Regulations Schedule 2 (8)).

The European Commission guidance on the SEA Directive⁵ discusses possible interpretations of handling ‘reasonable alternatives’ as required by Article 5(1). It states that “*The alternatives chosen should be realistic. Part of the reason for studying alternatives is to find ways of reducing or avoiding the significant adverse effects of the proposed plan or programme*”.

As set out in **Section 3**, the SEA has been an iterative process undertaken alongside and integrated with the development of the NDP itself. The reasonable alternatives considered in preparing the NDP and appraised through the SEA have related to:

- development scenarios (the amount of growth to be accommodated in the plan area);
- policy options (including the do-nothing option where relevant); and
- site allocations.

The findings of the appraisal of the preferred approach and reasonable alternatives were reported in the Environmental Reports at each stage of NDP preparation and subject to consultation with the wider community and relevant consultation bodies.

5.2 The Reasons for Choosing the Preferred Approach and for Rejecting Reasonable Alternatives

The Final Environmental Report sets out the reasons for choosing the preferred approach and for rejecting reasonable alternatives, this is summarised below.

Development Scenarios

The Local Plan sets a housing requirement for Wallingford of 1,070 homes and a requirement to make provision for 3.1 hectares of employment land.

The SEA set out two options for growth in the Wallingford Neighbourhood Area based upon the site options, both of which would meet and exceed the Local Plan growth requirements.

Option 1 looked at the allocation of sites E and C and was effectively the baseline growth position as these sites have planning permission. This scenario projects the delivery 1,435 homes which is in excess of the 1,070-home requirement set out in the Local Plan. With

⁵ EC (2001) *Implementation of Directive 2001/42 on the Assessment of the Effects of Certain Plans and Programmes on the Environment*. Available from http://ec.europa.eu/environment/archives/eia/pdf/030923_sea_guidance.pdf [Accessed June 2017].

the 3.1-hectare employment allocation at site C it also meets the employment requirement. Option 2 looks at the allocation of sites E and C with an additional allocation at site D for 170 homes and 3 hectares of employment land. The SEA concluded that Option 1 performed better in regard to all objectives and most notably in respect of land, soil and water resources.

Policies Included in the NDP

Neighbourhood plans are not obliged to contain policies addressing all types of development. The range and scope of policies to be included in the NDP was considered through production of draft versions of the NDP. Where relevant the do-nothing option was also considered. The SEA assessed the Neighbourhood Plan against the topics in the SEA framework.

- **Air Quality-** The assessment determined that along with the objectives within the Air Quality Action Plan for Wallingford, the Local Transport Plan for Oxfordshire and emerging Local Plan policies, the WNP policies are supportive of improvements to air quality, against a baseline situation whereby housing growth and associated increases in traffic pose a notable challenge.
- **Biodiversity-** whilst no significant negative effects on biodiversity can be readily identified, there will be a need for potential effects on biodiversity linked to the proposed allocations in the Neighbourhood Plan to be avoided and mitigated. Therefore, the Neighbourhood Plan sets out provisions which will help limit potential effects from new development on features and areas of biodiversity interest in the Neighbourhood Plan area and support the resilience of ecological networks.
- **Climate Change-** The SEA finds that the Neighbourhood Plan addresses climate change mitigation through a number of its policies. One area is through transport modal shift, with policies MC2, MC3 and MC4 supporting a limitation of greenhouse gas emissions in Wallingford by encouraging alternative options of transportation, particularly for undertaking day-to-day activities.
- **Landscape and Historic environment-** The SEA concludes that overall, the policies within the Neighbourhood Plan take a proactive approach in conserving and enhancing the distinctive character and heritage interests of Wallingford.
- **Land, soil and water resources-** In regard to Best and Most Versatile agricultural land (BMV) the SEA found that, apart from the housing allocation at site B which is on Grade 2 BMV, the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan will positively support the most efficient use of land within Wallingford, enabling the remediation of potentially contaminated land. Regarding water resources, policy EV1 was assessed as indirectly and positively contributing to the Water Framework Directive's objective of achieving 'good status' for as many watercourses as possible by 2027 through reducing the potential for surface water run-off. In addition, policies EV2 and CF3 were found to promote the ability of natural processes to safeguard and enhance soil and water resources in the Neighbourhood Plan area.

- **Population and Community-** The SEA found that policies in the Neighbourhood Plan would support the creation of mixed, balanced and inclusive community. In addition, the Neighbourhood Plan will positively support quality of life of residents with a goal of enhancing community vitality by protecting existing facilities and encouraging the provision of new facilities. The Plan supports the economic vitality of the Neighbourhood Plan area by allocating 3.1 hectares of employment land, and seeks to enhance the vibrancy of the town centre by supporting its role as a community centre and a tourist destination.
- **Health and Wellbeing-** The Neighbourhood Plan through the provision of housing, supporting recreation and tourism, and making provision to maintain and improve green infrastructure and open spaces has been found to support the health and wellbeing of the community.
- **Transportation-** The Neighbourhood Plan supports transport modal shift to more sustainable methods, whilst the Plan also safeguard a sustainable transport corridor. Several policies also aim to tackle traffic and congestion, such as MC1 and MC4.

Site Options

The SEA considered 5 sites that might contribute to delivering housing and employment land, these were:

- **Site A-** This is a large site that extends beyond the boundary of the neighbourhood area. The western and eastern parts of the site are in separate land ownership and are being promoted as standalone housing-led development schemes (Sites A1 and A2). This site was not taken forward primarily on the basis of concerns raised by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) due to mineral safeguarding issues.
- **Site B-** This site was allocated in the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy 2012 for 555 homes, site has outline permission for the full 555 homes with reserved matters approval for 125 dwellings. Therefore, there was no need to allocate the site.
- **Site C-** This site has full planning permission for the delivery of 3.1 hectares of employment land as an extension to Hithercroft Industrial Estate, however it is considered appropriate to allocate through the Neighbourhood Plan.
- **Site D-** This site was recently refused planning permission for a mixed use scheme of 170 dwellings and 3 hectares of employment land. This site was part of growth Option 2, which scored more negatively on most indicators and therefore was not included.
- **Site E-** This site has been granted outline planning permission for 502 homes (P16/S4275/O), and hence it is fair to assume that the site is a commitment, for all intents and purposes. As per Site C, it is considered appropriate to allocate the site through the WNP nonetheless (with a view to influencing forthcoming reserved matters application).

6. THE MEASURES THAT ARE TO BE TAKEN TO MONITOR THE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY EFFECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NDP

6.1 Overview

The SEA Regulations (17 (1)) set out that *“The responsible authority shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of each plan or programme with the purpose of identifying any unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action”*.

The District Council is the responsible authority for the purposes of monitoring the NDP. Planning Practice Guidance states:

“Monitoring the significant effects of the implementation of a neighbourhood plan that was subject to a strategic environmental assessment should be undertaken (see regulation 17 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004). This will enable unforeseen adverse effects to be identified at an early stage and to enable appropriate remedial actions. The local planning authority should consider arrangements to monitor the significant effects of implementing the neighbourhood plan and reporting this issue in its Monitoring Report.”

The Local Plan contains a number of monitoring indicators that cover the topics identified in the SEA Directive. These will be used to monitor the effects of the Development Plan, including the Wallingford NDP. Appendix A of this document sets out the monitoring indicators for the Local Plan. The Council’s Authority Monitoring Plan will be produced annually with information updated as it becomes available.

Wallingford Town Council is not obliged to produce additional indicators for monitoring at the local level but may do so if it wishes. The Qualifying Body would be responsible for monitoring any additional indicators. In this instance Wallingford Town Council has not elected to do so.

APPENDIX A: MONITORING INDICATORS FOR THE LOCAL PLAN

1. Strategy

Policy	Indicator	Target
STRAT1: The Overall Strategy	Covered by all other indicators in framework	Covered by all other targets in framework
STRAT2: South Oxfordshire Housing and Employment Requirements	Number of dwellings permitted and completed in the district to meet South Oxfordshire's housing requirement	18,600 homes to be delivered over the plan period
	Progress towards meeting South Oxfordshire's portion of unmet need in the housing market area	Progress towards meeting 4,950 homes between 2021-2035
	Number of dwellings permitted and completed in the district to meet the overall need	23,550 homes to be delivered in the plan period
	Quantum of land permitted and completed for employment by strategic site and allocation	To deliver 39.1 hectares of employment land over the plan period
	Number of homes delivered at the Grenoble Road, Northfield, and Land North of Bayswater Brook strategic allocations	For 4,950 homes to be delivered from 2021 at the Grenoble Road, Northfield, and Land North of Bayswater Brook strategic allocations to meet Oxford City's contribution to the Growth Deal
STRAT3: Didcot Garden Town	Number of planning permissions granted on major development sites contrary to Policy STRAT3	To ensure all relevant planning applications are granted in accordance with this policy
STRAT4: Strategic Development	Progress of essential strategic infrastructure items	To deliver strategic infrastructure items in accordance with the timeframes identified within the Infrastructure Delivery Plan
	Progress of other strategic infrastructure items	
STRAT5: Residential Densities	Average density for major developments permitted by strategic allocation and location	To ensure all relevant planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy

STRAT6: Green Belt	Status and type of permissions granted within the Green Belt	To ensure all relevant planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy
STRAT7: Land at Chalgrove Airfield	Progress of masterplan for the strategic allocation	To agree a masterplan for the strategic allocation which guides any subsequent planning applications
	Number of homes permitted and delivered at strategic allocation	To permit approximately 3,000 homes and deliver a minimum of 2,105 in the plan period
	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at strategic allocation	To permit and deliver 5 hectares of employment land at strategic allocation
	Number of pitches permitted and delivered for Gypsies and Travellers	To permit and deliver 3 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers in the plan period
STRAT8: Culham Science Centre	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at strategic allocation	To deliver a net increase in employment of 7.3 hectares.
STRAT9: Land Adjacent to Culham Science Centre	Progress of masterplan for the strategic allocation	To agree a masterplan for the strategic allocation which guides any subsequent planning applications
	Number of homes permitted and delivered at strategic allocation	To permit approximately 3,500 homes and deliver approximately 2,100 homes in the plan period
	Number of pitches permitted and delivered for Gypsies and Travellers	To permit and deliver 3 pitches for Gypsies and Travellers in the plan period
STRAT10: Berinsfield Garden Village	Number of planning permissions granted on major development sites contrary to Policy STRAT10	To ensure all relevant planning applications are granted in accordance with this policy
STRAT10i: Land at Berinsfield Garden Village	Progress of masterplan for the strategic allocation	To agree a masterplan for the strategic allocation which guides any subsequent planning applications

	Number of homes permitted and delivered at strategic allocation	To permit and deliver around 1,700 homes in the plan period
	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at strategic allocation	To permit and deliver 5 hectares of employment land at strategic allocation
STRAT10ii: Berinsfield Local Green Space	Status and type of permissions granted on land identified	To ensure land identified acts as Local Green Space
STRAT11: Land South of Grenoble Road	Progress of masterplan for the strategic allocation	To agree a masterplan for the strategic allocation which guides any subsequent planning applications
	Number of homes permitted and delivered at strategic allocation	To permit approximately 3000 homes and deliver approximately 2,480 homes in the plan period
	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at strategic allocation	To permit and deliver 10 hectares of employment land at strategic allocation
STRAT12: Land at Northfield	Progress of masterplan for the strategic allocation	To agree a masterplan for the strategic allocation which guides any subsequent planning applications
	Number of homes permitted and delivered at strategic allocation	To permit and deliver approximately 1,800 homes in the plan period
STRAT13: Land North of Bayswater Brook	Progress of masterplan for the strategic allocation	To agree a masterplan for the strategic allocation which guides any subsequent planning applications
	Number of homes permitted and delivered at strategic allocation	To permit and deliver approximately 1,100 homes within the plan period
STRAT14: Land at Wheatley Campus, Oxford Brookes University	Number of homes permitted and delivered at strategic allocation	To permit and deliver at approximately 500 homes

2. Settlements and Housing

Policy	Indicator	Target
Policy HEN1: The Strategy for Henley-on-Thames	Number of homes permitted and delivered in Henley-on-Thames	To permit and deliver the number of homes identified for Henley-on-Thames
	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed in Henley-on-Thames	To ensure there is no net loss of employment land
	Quantum of retail floorspace permitted and completed in Henley-on-Thames	To ensure there is no net loss of retail floorspace
Policy TH1: The Strategy for Thame	Number of homes permitted and delivered in Thame	To permit and deliver the number of homes identified for Thame
	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed in Thame	To ensure there is no net loss of employment land
	Quantum of retail floorspace permitted and completed in Thame	To ensure there is no net loss of retail floorspace
Policy WAL1: The Strategy for Wallingford	Number of homes permitted and delivered in Wallingford	To permit and deliver the number of homes identified for Wallingford
	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed in Wallingford	To ensure there is no net loss of employment land
	Quantum of retail floorspace permitted and completed in Wallingford	To ensure there is no net loss of retail floorspace
Policy H1: Delivering New Homes	Covered by all other housing indicators	Covered by all other housing targets
Policy H2: New Housing in Didcot	Number of homes permitted and completed in Didcot at strategic allocation sites	To deliver approximately 6,399 homes at Didcot over the plan period
Policy H3: Housing in the towns of Henley-on-Thames, Thame and Wallingford	Number of homes permitted and completed in Henley-on-Thames, Thame and Wallingford	To deliver the homes required for each town in accordance with the policy

Policy H4: Housing in the Larger Villages	Number of homes permitted and completed by Larger Village	To deliver the homes required for each Larger Village in accordance with the policy
Policy H5: Land to the West of Priest Close, Nettlebed	Homes permitted and completed on allocated site	To deliver approximately 11 homes
Policy H6: Joyce Grove, Nettlebed	Homes permitted and completed on allocated site	To deliver approximately 20 homes
Policy H7: Land to the South and West of Nettlebed Service Station	Homes permitted and completed on allocated site	To deliver approximately 15 homes
Policy H8: Housing in the Smaller Villages	Number of homes permitted and completed by Smaller Village	To deliver homes in the Smaller Villages in accordance with the policy
Policy H9: Affordable Housing	Percentage of affordable housing provided on major developments or where the site has an area of 0.5 hectares or more	To ensure all planning permissions on major developments or where the site has an area of 0.5 hectares or more provide 40% affordable housing or in accordance with policy
	Tenure split	To provide a split of 40% affordable rented, 35% social rented and 25% intermediate housing
Policy H10: Exception Sites and Entry Level Housing Schemes	Status of permissions granted for rural exception sites	To ensure all applications are granted in accordance with the policy
	Site size and number of units permissioned for entry level housing schemes by settlement	To ensure cumulative impact of development does not exceed the policy threshold
Policy H11: Housing Mix	Average housing mix of planning permissions	To ensure the cumulative delivery of planning permissions for housing developments provides a housing mix that accords with the latest evidence available

Policy H12: Self-Build and Custom-Build Housing	Number of registered interests on the self and custom build register compared with the potential supply of self and custom build housing	To ensure the district's need for self and custom build housing is being met
	Percentage of self and custom build plots on strategic allocations	3% of developable plots to be set aside as self and custom build plots on strategic allocations
Policy H13: Specialist Housing for Older People	Amount and type of housing designed for older people permitted and within the district	To meet the identified need for specialist housing for older people
Policy H14: Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople	Number of pitches and plots permitted and delivered for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople by location	To meet the identified need for pitches and plots for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
Policy H15: Safeguarding Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Sites	Status and type of permissions granted on Safeguarded Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople sites	To ensure development is in line with the policy
Policy H16: Backland and Infill Development and Redevelopment	Status and type of housing permitted not in accordance with policy	To ensure development is in line with the policy
Policy H17: Sub-division and Conversion to Multiple Occupation	Status and type of permissions relating to sub-divisions of houses in multiple occupation	To ensure development is in line with the policy
Policy H18: Replacement Dwellings	Status and type of replacement housing permissions outside the built-up limits of settlements	To ensure development is in line with the policy

Policy H19: Rural Workers Dwellings	Status and type of rural worker dwelling application	To ensure development is in line with the policy
Policy H20: Extensions to Dwellings	Status and type of permissions	To ensure development is in line with the policy
Policy H21: Loss of Existing Residential Accommodation in Town Centres	Status and type of permissions	To ensure development is in line with the policy

3. Employment

Policy	Indicator	Target
Policy EMP1: The Amount and Distribution of New Employment Land	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed, by location	To deliver a minimum of 39.1 hectares of employment land
Policy EMP2: Range, Size and Mix of Employment Premises	Status of permissions proposing employment use of up to 150sqm	To encourage proposals for start-up/incubator businesses
	Status of permissions proposing employment use of up to 500sqm	To encourage proposals for grow-on space
Policy EMP3: Retention of Employment Land	Amount of employment land lost to other uses not in accordance with the policy	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy EMP4: Employment Land in Didcot	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed in Didcot at EMP4i and EMP4ii	To deliver 2.92 hectares of employment land
Policy EMP5: New Employment Land at Henley-on-Thames	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at Henley-on-Thames	To deliver at least a further 1 hectare of employment land in addition to that allocated in the Joint Henley and Harpsden Neighbourhood Development Plan

Policy EMP6: New Employment Land at Thame	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at Thame	To deliver at least a further 3.5 hectares of employment land in addition to that allocated in the Thame Neighbourhood Development Plan
Policy EMP7: New Employment Land at Wallingford	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at Wallingford	To deliver 4.19 hectares of employment land
Policy EMP8: New Employment Land at Crowmarsh Gifford	Quantum of employment land allocated, permitted and completed	To deliver at least 0.28 hectares of employment land
Policy EMP9: New Employment Land at Chalgrove	Quantum of employment land permitted and completed at Land at Monument Business Park	To deliver 2.25 hectares of employment land at Land at Monument Business Park
Policy EMP10: Development in Rural Areas	Status and type of applications for employment uses in the open countryside	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy EMP11: Tourism	Status and type of permissions granted for visitor economic developments.	To deliver a net increase in development for visitor economy over the plan period in accordance with the policy
Policy EMP12: Caravan and Camping Sites	Status and Type of permissions granted for Caravan and Camping Sites	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy EMP13: Retention of Visitor Accommodation	Amount of C1 use floorspace lost	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy

4. Infrastructure

Policy	Indicator	Target
Policy INF1: Infrastructure Provision	Covered by all other infrastructure indicators	Covered by all other infrastructure targets

Policy TRANS1a: Supporting Strategic Transport Investment Across the Oxford to Cambridge Arc	Progress of infrastructure within the Oxford to Cambridge Arc	Positive progress towards the Oxford to Cambridge Arc's identified priorities
Policy TRANS1b: Supporting Strategic Transport Investment	Progress of transport projects identified in the Local Transport Plan	To support the development and delivery of transport projects
Policy TRANS2: Promoting Sustainable Transport and Accessibility	Monitoring of Travel Plans for developments of over 80 dwellings	To ensure developments meet sustainable travel targets in Travel Plans.
	Progress of transport schemes	Covered by target for TRANS1b
	To monitor designated Air Quality Management Areas	To ensure development supports improvements to air quality and meets the AQMA's standards
	Level of cycle movements*	To increase the proportion of journeys undertaken by cycling locally
Policy TRANS3: Safeguarding of Land for Strategic Transport Schemes	Status and use of planning permissions on land safeguarded	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy
Policy TRANS4: Transport Assessments, Transport Statements and Travel Plans	Monitoring of Travel Plans for developments over 80 dwellings	Covered by target for TRANS2
Policy TRANS5: Consideration of Development Proposals	Number of permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy
Policy TRANS6: Rail	Status and type of planning permissions related to rail services	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy

Policy TRANS7: Development Generating New Lorry Movements	Number of permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy
Policy INF2: Electronic Communications	Compliance with Building Regulations	To ensure delivery of dwellings is in compliance with Building Regulations
Policy INF3: Telecommunications Technology	Number of planning permissions refused	To ensure all planning permissions are only refused in accordance with the policy
Policy INF4: Water Resources	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy

* On those routes in South Oxfordshire that are monitored by the highways authority.

5. Environment

Policy	Indicator	Target
Policy ENV1: Landscape and Countryside	Status and type of permissions permitted in the AONBs	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy ENV2: Biodiversity - Designated Sites, Priority Habitats and Species	Changes in areas of Priority Habitats and Species	No net loss
	Number of permissions granted contrary to consultee advice on impact on Special Areas of Conservation	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
	Number of permissions granted contrary to consultee advice on impact on SSSI's	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy ENV3: Biodiversity	Change in biodiversity area and/or sites	To deliver a net gain in biodiversity area
Policy ENV4: Watercourses	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy

Policy ENV5: Green Infrastructure in New Developments	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy
Policy ENV6: Historic Environment	Number of buildings on the 'Heritage at Risk' Register	To protect all buildings on the 'Heritage at Risk' Register and facilitate their subsequent removal from the Register
	Number of new Conservation Area Character Appraisals	To agree a programme of the review and production of Conservation Area Character Appraisals and deliver that agreed programme
	Progress of Heritage Partnership Agreements	To ensure the completion of Heritage Partnership Agreements where appropriate for any listed building on an 'at risk' register
Policy ENV7: Listed Buildings	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy ENV8: Conservation Areas	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy ENV9: Archaeology and Scheduled Monuments	Status and type of planning permissions	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy ENV10: Historic Battlefields, Registered Park and Gardens and Historic Landscapes	Status and type of planning permissions	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy ENV11: Pollution - Impact From Existing and/ or Previous Land Uses on New Development and the Natural Environment (Potential Receptors of Pollution)	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy

Policy ENV12: Pollution - Impact of Development on Human Health, the Natural Environment and/or Local Amenity (Potential Sources of Pollution)	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy EP1: Air Quality	To monitor designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs)	To ensure development supports improvements to air quality and meets the AQMAs standards
Policy EP2: Hazardous Substances	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy EP3: Waste Collection and Recycling	Percentage of household waste sent for re-use, recycling or composting	To take the opportunities presented by new development to deliver a percentage increase of household waste sent for re- use, recycling or composting
Policy EP4: Flood Risk	Number and detail of permissions granted contrary to Environment Agency advice on flooding	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy EP5: Minerals Safeguarding Areas	Status and use of planning permissions on land safeguarded	To ensure all planning permissions are only granted in accordance with the policy

6. Design

Policy	Indicator	Target
Policy DES1: Delivering High Quality Development	Covered by all other design indicators	Covered by all other design targets
Policy DES2: Enhancing Local Character	Number of planning permissions granted against technical advice	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy

Policy DES3: Design and Access Statements	Number of permissions granted for major development supported by an appropriate masterplan and design and access statement.	To ensure all major development is accompanied by a masterplan and design and access statement.
Policy DES4: Masterplans for Allocated Sites and Major Development	Covered by indicator for DES3	Covered by target for DES3
Policy DES5: Outdoor Amenity Space	Covered by indicator for DES3	Covered by target for DES3
Policy DES6: Residential Amenity	Covered by indicator for DES3	Covered by target for DES3
Policy DES7: Efficient Use of Resources	Covered by indicators for EP1, EP3 and DES9	Covered by targets for EP1, EP3 and DES9
Policy DES8: Promoting Sustainable Design	Number of permissions granted that incorporate climate change adaptation measures	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
	Covered by indicators for DES10	Covered by targets for DES10
Policy DES9: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy	Number of, status and type of permission granted for renewable and low carbon energy installations	To deliver schemes for renewable energy in accordance with the policy, thereby contributing to the UK's renewable and low carbon energy target.
	Renewable and low carbon energy capacity	To increase the renewable and low carbon energy capacity for the district
	Renewable and low carbon electricity generation	To increase the renewable and low carbon electricity generation for the district

Policy DES10: Carbon Reduction	Percentage carbon reduction approved as part of a planning application (against a 2013 Building Regulations compliant base case)	To reduce the carbon emissions resulting from residential and non-residential development
	Number of permissions approved supported by an appropriate energy statement	To ensure all relevant development is accompanied by an energy statement

7. Town Centres

Policy	Indicator	Target
Policy TC1: Retail and Services Growth	Net change in comparison and convenience retail floorspace	Provision of a net increase of 26,640sqm comparison and 4,500sqm convenience retail floorspace
Policy TC2: Retail Hierarchy	Retail use class development permitted by settlement hierarchy	To ensure applications are granted in accordance with policy
	Number of applications approved and refused for 500sqm or greater of retail floorspace accompanied with a Retail Impact Assessment	To ensure applications are granted in accordance with policy
Policy TC3: Comparison Goods Floorspace Requirements	Comparison retail floorspace permitted by settlement hierarchy	To ensure applications are granted in accordance policy
Policy TC4: Convenience Floorspace Provision in the Market Towns	Provision of convenience floorspace (sqm retail floor space) at Henley-on-Thames, Thame and Wallingford	To ensure 1,500sqm of food retail floorspace is provided at Henley-on-Thames, Thame and Wallingford in accordance with policy
Policy TC5: Primary Shopping Areas	Number of planning permissions granted resulting in loss of retail floorspace in Primary Shopping Areas	To ensure applications are granted in accordance with policy

8. Community Facilities

Policy	Indicator	Target
Policy CF1: Safeguarding Community Facilities	Number of community facilities* lost	To ensure all planning permissions are granted in accordance with the policy
Policy CF2: Provision of Community Facilities and Services	Status and type of permissions for community facilities	To increase the provision of the community facilities
Policy CF3: New Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities	Provision of sporting facilities	An increase in sports facilities in the South Oxfordshire area
Policy CF4: Existing Open Space, Sport and Recreation Facilities	Number of permissions leading to the loss of open space, sport and recreation facilities	To ensure there is no loss of open space, sport and recreation facilities except where in accordance with the policy
CF5: Open Space, Sport and Recreation in New Residential Development	Number of new residential development permissions that provide for, or contribute towards, open space, sport, recreation and play facilities	To increase the provision of open space, sport, recreation and play facilities in new residential development in South Oxfordshire

* Facilities under Use Class F2: Local Community Uses (shops smaller than 280sqm and without another shop in 1,000 metres, a hall or meeting place for the principal use of the local community, outdoor sport or recreation locations, and swimming pools or skating rinks), Use Class F1 Learning and non-residential institutions, and the following Sui Generis uses: drinking establishments, cinemas, concert/dance/bingo halls, theatres.